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## Body of Missing Doctor Found in Holland Canal

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The body of a man police tentatively identified as that of the mysteriously missing Dr. Richard H. Follis, a Washington pathologist, was found floating yesterday in a canal in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The 56-year-old doctor, who was stopping in Amsterdam for four days on his way to Tehran for a series of conferences on nutrition, disappeared after 2:30 a.m. Dec. 5 after what witnesses claimed was a long night of heavy drinking.

A passer-by spotted the body in the Herengracht Canal opposite the spot where a witness saw someone who looked like Dr. Follis "as tight as a drum" during a severe wind and rain storm that early morning.

Amsterdam Police Inspector Jaap Valken told the New York Herald Tribune there were no signs of violence on the body and that Dr. Follis' death was almost certainly an accident.

Nonetheless, an autopsy by two doctors was ordered to

determine the exact cause of death and to confirm that the body had been submerged in the canal for a month.

Normally, a body in the shallow canal would have been expected to surface long ago, but Inspector Valken said yesterday the body might have been caught by rubbish. He also stressed that the night of the doctor's disappearance was terribly windy, a contributing factor to an accident.

European newspapers speculated after his disappearance that the doctor, who was working for the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md., was connected with the Central Intelligence Agency or other intelligence operations. Both Dr. Follis' friends and employers denied this.

Dr. Follis was regarded by associates in the U. S. and abroad as perhaps the world's top nutritional pathologist. His two textbooks are used in most of the accredited medical schools in the U. S. and elsewhere.

He leaves a wife and two daughters, Angela, 23, and Louise, 21, of Washington.